

## **Mary Ellen Sharp Long**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Mary Ellen Sharp Long, daughter of Robert and Ellen Wanlass Sharp in County Cumberland, England, August 29, 1853. She came with her parents to Richmond, Missouri, in 1859 where she spent her girlhood days.

In 1878, she was married Felix G. Long. A few years later the gospel was brought to them by her brother, William R. Sharp, who had earlier joined the church and came to Utah and was working and making his home in Lehi. Her brother returned to Missouri to visit his parents, and it was then on January 5, 1866, that she was baptized by him in a watering trough in sub-zero weather, her clothes freezing to her body before she could get to the house.

She came with her husband and children to Utah in 1888, making her home in Lehi. On September 23, 1891, she and her husband were sealed in the Manti Temple.

For many years she worked in the Relief Society and for twenty years she worked in the Primary as President and teacher. She was the first primary president in the Second Ward when the ward was organized.

She will long be remembered by our community for the service she gave as a nurse. She walked in all kinds of weather to visit her patients in all parts of town. Darrell Brown of Payson, son of John and Julia Brown of Lehi was the first of six hundred babies she helped bring into the world and many women would be blessed by her care. There were few homes in Lehi in which she had not cared for the sick.

She was the mother of eleven children, seven girls and four boys. Three were buried in Missouri and five were buried in Lehi. Three daughters are living: Mrs. Violet Thomas, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Stanley Winn, Midvale; and Mrs. Afton Giles,

Lehi. She has seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. She passed away September 12, 1925 at the age of 70.